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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. ☒ Specification — Total Pages: 21, including 8 page(s) of claims, and 1 page abstract.
3. ☒ Four (4) sheets total drawing(s) (Figs. 1-7) (35 U.S.C. 113).
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- c. ☐ Unsigned.
5. ☒ Incorporation by Reference [useable if Box 4b is checked].  
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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Assignment papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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